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I would like to summarize my participation in the UN Civil Society Conference in Salt Lake City 25-28 August 2019.

The conference was considered very successful as there were more than 4000 participants.

I have attended the Opening Plenary where 3 items were concentrated on:

- 1. This was the first UN conference in USA which takes place outside the UN building in New York.*
- 2. Creating Greater Cities definitely destroys Rural Villages.*
- 3. The Climate change and the effect on future.*

Also I have attended several workshops in the two days, the subjects discussed were also about the Climate change and how serious the problem, the suggested solutions were using Solar Energy for electricity and using electrical cars. The move from villages to Greater Cities, they expect that in year 2050 80% of the population will be Cities, 20% only will be in Villages, the question is who will plant our food? And how can we eliminate the Slums.

Also, Solid waste problem was present, discussed best ways to overcome it, the concentration was on PVC which should not be in use in many unnecessary uses like disposable water bottles. Natural Disasters, where discussed with its effects, and how to prepare the Society to avoid the big losses thru it.

I tried thru the participation to communicate with participants to explore WOBO, unfortunately most of them were not in the field of buildings, they were Society Activists.

Best regards.

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